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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Tennessee

____ Division

Brenda Kay Leavy

Case No. _____

(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)

Plaintiff(s)

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

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FedEx Corporation

Defendant(s)

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

COMPLAINT FOR EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

I. The Parties to This Complaint

A. The Plaintiff(s)

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name Brenda Kay Leavy

Street Address 5036 Overview Ridge Cove

City and County Memphis

State and Zip Code TN 38141

Telephone Number (901) 495-3561

E-mail Address bkmeeks1@att.net

B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known). Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant No. 1

Name	FedEx Corporation
Job or Title <i>(if known)</i>	Amy Dudeck/Senior Attorney
Street Address	942 S. Shady Grove Rd
City and County	Memphis
State and Zip Code	TN 38120
Telephone Number	(901)818-8860
E-mail Address <i>(if known)</i>	amy.dudeck@fedex.com

Defendant No. 2

Name	
Job or Title <i>(if known)</i>	
Street Address	
City and County	
State and Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address <i>(if known)</i>	

Defendant No. 3

Name	
Job or Title <i>(if known)</i>	
Street Address	
City and County	
State and Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address <i>(if known)</i>	

Defendant No. 4

Name	
Job or Title <i>(if known)</i>	
Street Address	
City and County	
State and Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address <i>(if known)</i>	

C. Place of Employment

The address at which I sought employment or was employed by the defendant(s) is

Name	FedEx Corporation
Street Address	90 FedEx Parkway (1st Floor Vertical)
City and County	Collierville
State and Zip Code	TN 38017
Telephone Number	(901) 818-7510

I I. Basis for Jurisdiction

This action is brought for discrimination in employment pursuant to *(check all that apply)*:

☐ Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e to 2000e-17 (race, color, gender, religion, national origin).

(Note: In order to bring suit in federal district court under Title VII, you must first obtain a Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)

☐ Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as codified, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 to 634.

(Note: In order to bring suit in federal district court under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, you must first file a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)

☒ Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12112 to 12117.

(Note: In order to bring suit in federal district court under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you must first obtain a Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)

☒ Other federal law *(specify the federal law)*:

Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) interference and retaliation

☐ Relevant state law *(specify, if known)*:

☐ Relevant city or county law *(specify, if known)*:

III. Statement of Claim

Write a short and plain statement of the claim. Do not make legal arguments. State as briefly as possible the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the damages or other relief sought. State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that caused the plaintiff harm or violated the plaintiff's rights, including the dates and places of that involvement or conduct. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

A. The discriminatory conduct of which I complain in this action includes *(check all that apply)*:

- ☐ Failure to hire me.
☒ Termination of my employment.
☐ Failure to promote me.
☐ Failure to accommodate my disability.
☐ Unequal terms and conditions of my employment.
☒ Retaliation.
☐ Other acts *(specify)*: Retaliation for me exercising my rights under FMLA

(Note: Only those grounds raised in the charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission can be considered by the federal district court under the federal employment discrimination statutes.)

B. It is my best recollection that the alleged discriminatory acts occurred on date(s)
October 4, 2018

C. I believe that defendant(s) *(check one)*:

- ☐ is/are still committing these acts against me.
☒ is/are not still committing these acts against me.

D. Defendant(s) discriminated against me based on my *(check all that apply and explain)*:

- ☐ race _____
☐ color _____
☐ gender/sex _____
☐ religion _____
☐ national origin _____
☐ age *(year of birth)* _____ *(only when asserting a claim of age discrimination.)*
☒ disability or perceived disability *(specify disability)*
Breast Cancer

E. The facts of my case are as follows. Attach additional pages if needed.

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I was a 26 year employee with FedEx Corporation, hired June 15, 1992. I was an Executive Administrative Assistant to the VP of Human Resources (Karen Galambos) with no performance issues, no writeups, etc.. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in early February 2018 and underwent surgery February 21 and did aggressive radiation April 2-30, 2018. I exercised my FMLA rights March 16-June 13, 2018 (intermittent FMLA leave). During my FMLA leave Karen started to denigrate my work and revoke my responsibilities. On October 4, I returned to work from vacation, Karen called me into her office and informed me that my position was being eliminated due to a staffing effectiveness plan, effective October 5, 2018 (the next day). The plan only included me. She said that the Department no longer needed a dedicated Executive Administrative Assistant. Security confiscated my badge and escorted me to the parking lot.

(Note: As additional support for the facts of your claim, you may attach to this complaint a copy of your charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the charge filed with the relevant state or city human rights division.)

IV. Exhaustion of Federal Administrative Remedies

- A. It is my best recollection that I filed a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or my Equal Employment Opportunity counselor regarding the defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct on (date) February 15, 2018

- B. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (check one):

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has not issued a Notice of Right to Sue letter.

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issued a Notice of Right to Sue letter, which I received on (date) 08/01/2019.

(Note: Attach a copy of the Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to this complaint.)

- C. Only litigants alleging age discrimination must answer this question.

Since filing my charge of age discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regarding the defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct (check one):

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60 days or more have elapsed.

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less than 60 days have elapsed.

V. Relief.

State briefly and precisely what damages or other relief the plaintiff asks the court to order. Do not make legal arguments. Include any basis for claiming that the wrongs alleged are continuing at the present time. Include the amounts of any actual damages claimed for the acts alleged and the basis for these amounts. Include any punitive or exemplary damages claimed, the amounts, and the reasons you claim you are entitled to actual or punitive money damages.

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I suffered wrongful and illegal termination through Karen Galambos on the basis of my disability (breast cancer), interference with my rights under the FMLA, and retaliation for exercising my FMLA rights. This wrongful and illegal termination has caused me substantial harm financially. I would like to be made whole. This includes back pay, front pay, employment benefits and compensatory damages in the amount of \$500,000.

VI. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: 10/16/19

Signature of Plaintiff

Printed Name of Plaintiff

Brenda Kay Leavy
Brenda Kay Leavy

B. For Attorneys

Date of signing: _____

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Bar Number

Name of Law Firm

Street Address

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address